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MARVEL SUPER HEROES™ SECRET WARS™

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AMID THE CHAOS, THERE COMES A COSTUME--!

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Transported to a strange planet by a force from beyond the universe, the mightiest Super Heroes and Super-Villains of all have been gathered to fight the ultimate war! On one side stand the villainous forces of *Doctor Doom*. Against them stand the Super Heroes commanded by *Captain America*. The *X-Men* and *Magneto* form a third force, allied with the other heroes yet separated from them by mutual suspicion and mistrust. Meanwhile, the mighty *Galactus* seemingly threatens to destroy them all! Now, as the X-Men and Magneto keep vigil, standing ready to defend against Galactus, Captain America's command attacks the fortress of Doom!

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INVASION!

GRIM-VISAGED, ELEVEN HEROIC FIGURES HURTLE TOWARD THE STRONGHOLD OF THEIR ENEMIES SEEKING TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF ONE OF THEIR OWN AND PERHAPS SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER...

HURRY! SHE'S IN TROUBLE, I *KNOW* IT!

HEY, *SHE-HULK'S* TOUGH! SHE'S GOT 'EM OUTNUMBERED, IF YOU ASK ME!

I HOPE!

DARK, MASSIVE FOREBODING, THE FORTRESS OF DOOM RISES MENACINGLY ON THE HORIZON...

THERE!

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MOMENTS LATER...

I CAN'T BELIEVE DOOM HASN'T DETECTED OUR APPROACH! WHY DIDN'T HE SEND OUT A SORTIE TO INTERCEPT US?

MEBBE I'LL ASK HIM THAT WHILE I'M TWISTIN' HIS TIN NOSE OFF, STRETCHO!

C'MON, THOR! SHOUT SOMETHIN' CORNY AN' POKE A HOLE INNAT OVERGROWED QUONSET HUT!

NAY, I HAVE NO VAINGLORIOUS OATH TO UTTER, THING -- ONLY A PRAYER THAT WE HAVE BUT ONE TO AVENGE!

KATHOOM!

MEANWHILE, IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE ENCHANTRESS...

WHA WAS SAT? TH' HAMMER OF THOR?!!

OH, NO!

THISH WAR... IS NOT WORKING OUT VER' WELL...

INNKEEPER! FETCH ME ANOTHER FLAGON OF MEAD!

FIE! NO ONE ATTENDS! I SHALL HAVE TO CONJURE MY OWN MEAD AGAIN ...OR AN INNKEEPER!

BUT, FIRSHT... LET ME SEE...

HMF! BEHOLD THE MIGHTY THOR!

YOU, THOR, ACTUALLY BELIEVE THISH WAR IS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH YOU WERE *BORN* -- A CHANCE TO WIN GLORY UNDREAMT OF!

AN' FOR ME, YOU 'MAGINED IT TO BE A CHANCE TO *REDEEM* MYSELF -- LEST DURING THIS CATACLYSMIC COMBAT MY IMMORTAL LIFE END IN WICKEDNESS!

AN' SO, YOU APPEALED TO ME TO FORSAKE EVIL, AND JOIN YOUR NOBLE CAUSE! * HO!

IF I *DID*, COULD YOU EVER LOVE ME? SAID I! "KISS ME, THOR," I SAID,. "GIVE ME A GLIMMER OF HOPE, AND I SHALL TRY!"

HUH! WERE WE NOT INTERRUPTED JUST THEN, YOU *WOULD* HAVE KISSED ME, FOOL -- AND THEN YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN MINE! *MINE!* ENSNARED BY THE SEDUCTIVE, SORCEROUS POWER OF MY LIPS!

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OR PERHAPS MY EVIL WILL WOULD HAVE BUCKLED... MY SPELLS WOULD HAVE FAILED--FOR, TRULY, MY HEART IS THINE, MIGHTY THOR! A KISS, A GLIMMER OF HOPE THAT I MIGHT EVER EARN YOUR LOVE FAIRLY, AND PERHAPS I *WOULD* HAVE TRIED YOUR WAY!

BUT THE CHANCE IS LOST! AND NOW... WILL I *FIGHT* AGAINST THEE--?

OOP!

OR... CRAWL AND BEG?

BEHOLD THE MIGHTY ENCHANTRESS...

MEANWHILE, IN THE INFIRMARY, WHERE **VOLCANA** *TENDS THE* **MOLECULE MAN**, *WOUNDED IN BATTLE AGAINST THE X-MEN*...*

I WON'T LEAVE YOU, OWEN! I WON'T LET ANYBODY HURT YOU ANYMORE!

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IF ANY OF THEM DARE TO COME IN HERE, I'LL KILL THEM! ESPECIALLY IF IT'S THAT WOLVERINE GUY WHO CUT YOU! HE'LL GET HIS, BABY, DON'T YOU WORRY!

AND, IN THE FORTRESS'S HUGE DUNGEON, WHERE THE SAVAGE, UNCONTROLLABLE **LIZARD** *HAS BEEN IMPRISONED...*

WHO FREES-S-S ME--? WHAT SS-SORT OF CREATURE IS-S IT? WHAT ISS-S ITS-S NAME? *SS-SPEAK!*

WHY, I'M *KLAW*, THE MASTER OF SOUND! I CAN'T STAND FOR SOMEONE TO BE TRAPPED! NO! YOU SEE, I WAS TRAPPED IN A SHIP'S HULL NOT LONG AGO! IT DROVE ME MAD!

MAD! AD, AD, AD!

ALSO, I LOV-OVE THE WAY YOU TALK!

ELSEWHERE IN THE FORTRESS, IN A BATTLE-RAVAGED CHAMBER, SEVEN POWERFUL BEINGS BRUTALLY BLUDGEON THE UNMOVING BODY OF THE SHE-HULK...

THAT NOISE--!

SOUNDED LIKE THUNDER! BIG DEAL!

NAH! ONLY ONE THING MAKES A NOISE LIKE THAT--THOR'S HAMMER! BELIEVE ME, I KNOW!

THEY MUST BE BUSTIN' IN HERE... COMIN' FOR US!

GREAT! JUST GREAT! WE AIN'T READY!

SO WHAT'S TO GET READY? THEY SHOW THEIR FACES, WE BASH 'EM IN! LET'S GO!

COME ON, OCK! IF WE HURRY, I RECKON WE CAN LAY AN AMBUSH FOR 'EM!

CERTAINLY, PILEDRIVER... BUT FIRST--

--THE COUP DE GRACE!

THERE! NOW THERE'S ONE LESS TO CONCERN US!

IN A CORRIDOR SOME DISTANCE AWAY, THE INVULNERABLE ULTRON STANDS VIGIL OVER HIS SOLE MASTER'S QUARTERS--

--WHILE INSIDE, THE SEARED AND TATTERED RUIN OF THE MAN CALLED DOCTOR DOOM LIES!

DOCTOR DOOM--WHO DARED TO INVADE THE HOMEWORLD-SHIP OF THE ALL-POWERFUL GALACTUS...AND PAID THE PRICE...

MEANWHILE...

KATHOOM!

I'M GOING AHEAD TO SEARCH FOR THE SHE-HULK! IN MY LIGHT-BEAM FORM I CAN COVER MILES OF CORRIDORS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

GO AHEAD, CAPTAIN MARVEL! WE'LL FLUSH OUT THE BAD GUYS!

KLONG

OWW!

HIYA, IRON MAN!

THE WRECKER! YOU LOUSY--!

GOOD THING I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO PASS HERE! HIS SUPER-DUPER CROWBAR WOULD'A CUT ANYBODY ELSE IN HALF!

THE ARMOR'S BUSTED UP, BUT NOT TOO BAD! I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP GOIN' IN A MINUTE AFTER MY RIBS STOP SMARTING SO MUCH--

EEYAGGHH!

--AN' AFTER I REPULSOR-BLAST HIM THROUGH THE STINKIN' WALL!

IT'S AN AMBUSH! JOHNNY-- LOOK OUT!

WELCOME TO OUR PLACE! HAVE A *DRINK*, TORCH!

YEE-OWW!

NO PRISONERS! *TRASH* THEIR BUTTS!

RRRIPP!

I'VE GOT YOU, JOHNNY!

YEAH, SO NOW HE'LL BE A BLOODY SMEAR ON THE *WALL* INSTEAD OF THE FLOOR!

HEADS UP, RICHARDS!

OH, NEVER MIND!

THAT KID DROPPED BULLDOZER WITH ONE SHOT! MEBBE I BETTER ABSORB THE STRENGTH OF THIS ALIEN STEEL BEFORE I TACKLE HIM!

BWHAMM!

PRETTY FAST, SQUIRT! LET'S SEE YA DODGE *THIS!*

JEEZ--! HE *DID* IT! I ONLY RIPPED HIS SUIT UP! IT'S LIKE HE KNEW IT WAS COMIN' OR SOMETHIN'!

WHOA!

KRANG!

DON'T MATTER--! MY NEXT SHOT'LL GET HIM!

WHY DON'TCHA PICK ON SOMEBODY AS UGLY AS YERSELF, 'SORBY?
IN WHICH CASE YOU'LL HAFTA LEAVE *EVERYBODY* ALONE!
HEY--!
THE *THING!*
OR IS IT? YOU'RE LOSING YER ROCKS, PAL!
OH, NO! NOT *AGAIN!* I'M TURNIN' BACK TO *BEN GRIMM!*
B-BUT HOW? AND WHY *NOW?!*
HAW! TOUGH LUCK, BOZO!
WHATTA REVOLTIN' DEVELOPMENT--!
THIS'LL JUST MAKE THINGS QUICKER!
HUH?! *NOW* WHO IN BLAZES IS IT?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
KLAANG!
A *BROAD!*
AS SOON AS I PEEL MYSELF OUTTA THIS WALL, LADY...

KLANNKK!

A CLEAN KNOCKOUT--! OF THE AWESOME *ABSORBING MAN--!* AND IT'S ONLY THE FIFTH TIME I'VE EVER BEEN IN A FIGHT!

THE NEW *SPIDER-WOMAN* WINS AGAIN!

STAY *BACK,* PILEDRIVER!

WHAT FOR? I THOUGHT YOU NEVER MISSED, BOY! YOU AIN'T HIT ME YET!

IT WOULDN'T DO YOU NO GOOD NOHOW, I RECKON! SLUGS FROM A .38 JUST BOUNCE OFF MY SUPER STRONG HIDE! AN' THAT'S YOUR LAST ARROW, AIN'T IT? NOT MUCH TO HAVE BETWEEN YOU AN' A MAN WHO CAN FLATTEN CADILLACS WITH HIS FISTS!

HAWKEYE THE ARCHER! HAH! BOY, YOU GONNA NEED HAWKEYE THE M.A.S.H. DOCTOR IN A MINUTE--'CAUSE I RECKON THIS GOOD OL' BOY IS GONNA "MASH" YOU!

THOSE SHOTS WERE JUST WARNINGS, DUMMY! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HIT YOU! FROM *MY* BOW, AT THIS RANGE, AN ARROW HITS A LOT HARDER THAN ANY BULLET! BACK OFF...PLEASE..

HAH!

ALL RIGHT, HAVE IT YOUR WAY--!

HUH--?

I--I BEEN *SHOT!*

L-LORDY--! I'M *WOUNDED!*

NEARBY...

THE ENCHANTRESS!

COME RIGHT IN!

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, LADY!

BUT WHY? I AM BUT A HELPLESS FEMALE! AND YOU ARE THE MIGHTY HULK, ARE YOU NOT?

DON'T FORCE ME TO HIT YOU--I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO...

LOOK AT ME, MAGNIFICENT ONE! AM I NOT, AT ONCE, EVERY WOMAN YOU HAVE EVER DESIRED?

I...I...

STARE INTO MY EYES! LOVE ME... LOVE ME...

MORTAL CRETIN!

AH! CAPTAIN AMERICA! PRAY, ENTER! PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE A FLAGON OF MEAD?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE HULK?

FOR THE MOMENT, HE IS MERELY ASLEEP, DOUBTLESS DREAMING DREAMS OF ME! BUT, ALAS, HE CAN NEVER TRULY HAVE ME, FOR I AM YOURS, MY HANDSOME CAPTAIN!

AM I NOT BEAUTIFUL? COME TO ME...

GIVE IT UP, ENCHANTRESS!

YOUR WILL IS STRONG! VERY WELL! WE SHALL DO THIS THE *HARD* WAY!

CURSE YOU--! HOLD STILL!

SURTUR'S TEETH--! YOU MOVE AS QUICK-LY AS THE CATS OF SKORNHEIM!

SHRAK

SZAKTT!

NO! YOU--YOU WOULD NOT *STRIKE* ME--?!

NOT IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER CHOICE--!

--BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO, GIVEN JUST A SECOND TO ACT!

HOLEE--! WHAT HAPPENED *HERE?*

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, TORCH! I'M GOING TO TRY TO LOCATE *DOOM!*

I'LL COME WITH YOU! I'M STARTING TO GET MY FLAME BACK!

MEANWHILE...

÷UF÷ ONE MORE SHOVE...

YOU KNOW, I HAD A FEELING SOMEBODY WAS UP HERE IN THE RAFTERS TRYING TO DROP A FORTY-TON BEAM ON OUR HEADS!

WHAT?!

WHAPP!

SPIDER-MAN!

THE WORLD-FAMOUS ONE! DO YOU SURRENDER?

TO A SCRAWNY LITTLE RUNT LIKE *YOU*--?

YOU'RE TALKING TO *TITANIA*, BUG-MAN!

RRAKK!

AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME COMMON RUFFIAN!

NYAH, NYAH, CAN'T HIT ME--! AND AM I GLAD!

I DON'T HAVE TO HIT YOU!

KA-THOOM!

WHOA!

THRAAM!

I USED TO BE THE SHRIMP--! I USED TO BE THE SCRAWNY ONE WHO GOT HER FACE RUBBED IN THE DIRT!

NOW I'M *POWERFUL*--! AND IT'S *MY* TURN!

GOT SOME-- *YEOW!* HOSTILITY BUILT UP, HUH?

EVERYBODY BETTER LOOK OUT FOR ME NOW! I'LL CRUSH ANYBODY WHO GETS IN MY WAY--! ESPECIALLY MISERABLE LITTLE WIMPS LIKE *YOU!*

ELSEWHERE...

HAWKEYE!

BEN GRIMM? YOU LOST YOUR ROCKS!

YEAH... AGAIN!*

**AS IN ISSUE #2.*

THE BATTLE SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT US BEHIND! DID YOU SEE WHICH WAY EVERYBODY WENT?

I DUNNO... IT'S A BIG PLACE! THIS WAY, I THINK!

NINE HUNDRED YARDS OF CORRIDORS LATER...

THIS MUST BE THE DUNGEON, AN'-- UH-OH! THERE'S *KLAW!*

THEM SONIC POWERS OF HIS ARE DANGEROUS! WE BETTER THINK UP A *PLAN* BEFORE WE TACKLE 'IM!

IT BETTER BE A *GOOD* ONE! I'M ALL OUT OF ARROWS! LET ME THINK...

KLAW! *INTRUDERSS-S!*

HUH? AW, SHOOT!

THISSS PLACE IS OURSS! INTRUDERSSS *DIE!*

UH... ANY IDEAS, HAWK?

WELL... I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO *OUTWIT* 'EM!

US?!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE INFIRMARY...

I HEAR THEM COMING, DARLING! I'D BETTER GET READY TO FIGHT!

THE FIRST ONE WHO SHOWS HIS FACE THROUGH THAT DOOR'S GETTING CRISPY-FRIED!

M-MARSHA--?

OWIE--! OH, BABY--! IT'S SO GOOD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN--! BUT, JUST REST NOW, LOVE! MAMA WILL PROTECT YOU!

NO! I WANT TO HELP YOU! YOU AND ME, MARSHA, DARLING--WE'LL ANNIHILATE THEM...

...TOGETHER!

ANY SIGN OF THE ENEMY, RICHARDS?

FWHOOSH!

AHH-HH!

FORGET I ASKED!

IT'S THE *MOLECULE MAN*--AND THE ONE WHO CALLS HERSELF *VOLCANA!*

IRON MAN, WAIT--! *DON'T--!*

STAY BACK! I'LL ROUST THEIR BUTTS OUTTA THERE!

THAT'S PLASMA-GENERATED HEAT SHE'S THROWING --TOO MUCH EVEN FOR YOUR ARMOR!

DON'T WORRY, MARSHA, HE CAN'T GET AT US! I'VE FUSED SOME AIR MOLECULES INTO AN ULTRA-HARD SHIELD AROUND US!

THAT'S NICE, DEAR--BUT HE'S HAD IT ANYWAY! HIS LITTLE TIN SUIT IS SMOLDERING!

COOLING SYSTEM'S DOWN... OVERTAXED! LOTS OF CIRCUITS FUSED... BURNT OUT... SHEEOOT!

MY NEXT BLAST WILL VAPORIZE HIM! MAKE ME A "GUNPORT," OWIE!

GOT YOU! ARHH!

TYOOOM!

RICHARDS--! MY ARMOR'S RED HOT! YOUR HANDS--!

SSSS

DARN! I *MISSED!*

IT'S ALL RIGHT, DARLING! WE CAN PICK THEM OFF AT OUR LEISURE! WE'RE QUITE SAFE HERE! NOTHING CAN GET THROUGH MY LITTLE INVISIBLE SHIELD!

IT'S NOT INVISIBLE, DUMMY, IT'S *TRANSPARENT!* THAT MEANS LIGHT CAN GET THROUGH . . . AND SO CAN I!

YES, I WAS LITERALLY JUST PASSING BY, SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP IN...

CAPTAIN MARVEL!

EEEYAHHH!

NO! NO! STOP IT! YOU'RE PULLING HIS WOUNDS OPEN!

WOUNDS?

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE *DONE!* HE FAINTED! OH, MY POOR, POOR BABY!

STOP IT! STOP HURTING HIM! I SURRENDER! PLEASE--!

HE'S WOUNDED? GEE, I'M... SORRY...

THE DOME IS GONE!

MEANWHILE...

THBOOM!

IMPOSSIBLE! NOBODY CAN MOVE THAT FAST!

NOBODY ELSE!

NOW WHY DOES A WOMAN WHO CAN LIFT LOCOMOTIVES FIND MY HUMBLE TALENTS SO SURPRISING?

WITH A LITTLE ROOM TO OPERATE, NO ONE CAN LAY A GLOVE ON ME-- NOT THE X-MEN, NOT THE ABSORBING MAN, AND NOT YOU!

HOW DO YOU THINK I'VE SURVIVED ALL THIS TIME?

RAK!

OWW!

WHEN I GET YOU I'LL-- AGGH!

ALL YOU'RE GOING TO GET IS FRUSTRATED ... AND, EVENTUALLY, TRASHED!

NO! IT'S NOT FAIR! ÷UHH!÷

BUT, IF WE WERE FIGHTING IN A BROOM CLOSET, THAT'D BE FAIR, RIGHT?

STOP IT! STOP IT! STOP--!

YOU OUGHT TO BE HAPPY, CUDDLES! YOU ASPIRED TO BE A BULLY, AND, MAN, YOU'RE A CLASSIC!

YOU TALK TOUGH AND NASTY WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE UPPER HAND--

YAHHH-H-H!

--BUT WHEN YOU'RE LOSING-- WELL, THAT'S WHEN THE WHINING LITTLE WIMP-*ETTE* INSIDE COMES SPILLING OUT!

FWHA-BLAMM!

THWOOH!

N-NOT... FAIR...

NNNH!

THUD!

AT THAT MOMENT...

HEY, CAP, **LOOK!** IT'S ***PILEDRIVER!*** GUESS HE FAINTED FROM LOSS OF...

TORCH, LOOK OUT!

YIKES!

ZZZAKT!

KEEP MOVING, LAD! A MOMENT'S HESITATION--

--AND *ULTRON* WILL KILL YOU!

DOOM MUST BE NEARBY! ULTRON IS HIS PERSONAL BODYGUARD!

HE'S GONNA BE DOOMSIE'S PERSONAL SLAG-PILE IN A MINUTE!

TORCH, *NO*--! DON'T GET CLOSE TO HIM!

YES, MOTHER...

HEY! HE ISN'T MELTING!

THE CORE OF THE HOTTEST STAR COULD NOT MELT MY ADAMANTIUM BODY, HUMAN! NOTHING CAN HARM ME!

I AM INVINCIBLE! I AM MECHANICALLY PRECISE AND COMPUTER-SWIFT! I AM PERFECT!

MAYBE JUST A *LITTLE* EGOTISTICAL, TOO-- *UHH!*

UH-OH...

NOW LET US SEE HOW DURABLE YOU ARE, FIRE-CREATURE!

TORCH! USE YOUR *NOVA-FLAME!*

YOU'RE TOO CLOSE! IT'D KILL YOU, TOO!

DO IT!

DON'T HOLD BACK! GIVE IT EVERYTHING, SON!

O-OKAY...

TORCH--?

I'M...OKAY, CAP! STILL COULDN'T MELT HIS ADAMANTIUM HIDE, BUT I GUESS SOMETHING NON-ADAMANTIUM INSIDE MUST HAVE OVERHEATED!

I'M... TIRED... WASTED!

WELL DONE, LAD! REST HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES--! I'M GOING ON!

SECONDS LATER...

THERE HE IS!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S COME DOWN TO JUST YOU AND ME, DOOM--WHICH IS HOW IT OUGHT TO BE!

DOOM? *DOOM!*

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM, HE'S BARELY ALIVE--AND, IT SEEMS, COMPLETELY OUT OF IT!

HE'S... HARMLESS!

SOON, IN THE DUNGEON...

THERE THEY ARE!

UH, HI, GUYS! WANNA JOIN IN A ROUSING GAME OF PATTY-CAKE?

WE, UH, ARRIVED AT A MEETIN' OF THE MINDS, SO TO SPEAK, STRETCHO!

WE GOT FAR TOO MUCH COUTH TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE LIKE YOU BARBARIC TYPES! AIN'T THAT RIGHT, KLAW?

RIGHT? ITE, ITE, ITE-A-CAKE, ITE-A-CAKE...

DISSSTURB OUR GAMESS-S AND THE LIZARD WILL DESSSTROY YOU! ONCE WE FINISSH, WE WILL DO AS YOU S-SSAY!

ELSEWHERE...

THERE SHE IS! FINALLY!

JENNIFER--! OH, MY LORD, WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?!

AND, SHORTLY, IN THE MAIN INFIRMARY...

MY HANDS ARE WELL ENOUGH, CAP, THANKS! THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE...WOUNDED FROM BOTH SIDES TO TEND!

HOW IS DOOM?

THERE ISN'T MUCH I COULD DO FOR HIM! WHAT'S LEFT OF HIS ARMOR PREVENTS ANY OF THESE CELL-REGENERATIVE DEVICES FROM WORKING ON HIM--AND *REMOVING* IT COULD TAKE WEEKS! IT'S CERTAINLY BOOBY-TRAPPED!

FOR NOW, THOR'S TAKING HIM TO A CELL!

YOU KNOW, HE-- HE *DIED* BACK ON EARTH SOME TIME BEFORE WE WERE ALL BROUGHT HERE! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE CAN BE HERE AND ALIVE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

AFTER ALL WE'VE SEEN HERE, THOUGH...NOTHING SURPRISES ME ANYMORE!

I'M AMAZED THAT THE SHE-HULK SURVIVED THAT BEATING!

NOT BY MUCH! EVEN THIS TECHNOLOGY COULDN'T HAVE SAVED HER IF WE'D GOTTEN TO HER A FEW SECONDS LATER!

I WISH I HAD TIME TO ANALYZE ONE OF THESE AND LEARN ITS SECRETS! FOR NOW, THOUGH, I'M CONTENT JUST TO KNOW HOW TO USE IT TO SAVE THE SHE-HULK'S LIFE!

THANK GOD! LOSING ONE AVENGER... IS ALREADY TOO MUCH TO BEAR!

YOU KNOW, REED...I--I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT IF I'D DONE THINGS DIFFERENTLY...MAYBE THE *WASP* WOULDN'T HAVE DIED! I...

DON'T TORTURE YOURSELF, CAP! WHAT *COULD* HAVE HAPPENED... *DID!* NO ONE COULD HAVE LED US BETTER OR MORE WISELY THAN YOU!

MEANWHILE, IN THE DUNGEON...

I WISH WE COULD HAVE LOCKED THE LIZARD AND KLAW UP TOGETHER! THEY'VE BECOME SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!

BEING INSANE DOESN'T MEAN THEY AREN'T STILL DANGEROUS, HAWKEYE!

DOOM IS SAFELY LOCKED AWAY!

THEY'RE ALL SECURED! THE RESTRAINTS HERE ARE A LITTLE *NASTY*-- BUT STRONG!

IF THE ENCHANTRESS SUFFERS A LITTLE THAT SUITS ME FINE!

AH, WHAT AM I SAYING? IT'S MYSELF I'M MAD AT!

BE NOT TOO HARD UPON THYSELF, HULK! SHE HAS BEGUILED MANY BEFORE YOU! AYE, EVEN THOR-- MORE THAN ONCE!

GUYS, CAPTAIN MARVEL AND I ARE GOING TO BRING THE WASP'S BODY HERE...SINCE THIS IS NOW OUR BASE!

WE WANT HER TO HAVE A PROPER BURIAL...WITH HONOR WORTHY OF AN AVENGER!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE ALIEN VILLAGE WHERE CAPTAIN AMERICA'S COMMAND FORMERLY HEADQUARTERED, THE X-MAN CALLED **COLOSSUS** CARRIES A PRECIOUS BURDEN THROUGH THE STREETS...

ƵSAJI, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU--YOU SEEM ON THE EDGE OF DEATH!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE HEALER-WOMAN'S HUMBLE HUT...

REST EASY, LOVELY ONE! AS YOU CARED FOR ME WHEN I WAS WOUNDED AND DYING, SO NOW SHALL I CARE FOR YOU! I SHALL NOT LEAVE YOUR SIDE! IF ONLY I HAD YOUR POWER TO HEAL!

HUH! IF ONLY YOU COULD TELL ME WHAT WAS *WRONG!*

HMM! I WONDER...MIGHT THAT BE THE BOTTLE OF WHICH THE HUMAN TORCH SPOKE--? THE ONE CONTAINING VAPORS WHICH LINK MINDS!

EHH...THE ODOR IS PIERCING...BUT SWEET...

IT...IT'S WORKING!

SUDDENLY, THE IMAGES IN HER SUBCONSCIOUS ARE HIS TO BEHOLD...THEY MELD WITH HIS OWN REMEMBRANCES, TO PIECE TOGETHER RECENT EVENTS...

HE SEES HER EXAMINING THE WASP'S STILL, COLD FORM! HE FEELS HER ANGUISH...

HE WITNESSES THE RAGE AND GRIEF OF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S FORCES, AND WATCHES, AGAIN, AS THEY FLY OFF SEEKING VENGEANCE...

THEN HE SEES HER, LATER, BESTOWING HER HEALING CARESS UPON THE WASP...POURING HER OWN STRENGTH AND VITALITY INTO THE SAVAGED, WOUNDED AVENGER'S BODY...

AND SUDDENLY, HE REALIZES THE **TRUTH**...

THE WASP WAS *NOT* DEAD-- MERELY WOUNDED, BUT ALSO IN SOME KIND OF DEATH-LIKE *STASIS!*

AND WHEN THE STASIS WORE OFF, YOU HEALED HER WOUNDS AND SAVED HER LIFE --NEARLY AT THE COST OF YOUR OWN!

ALL THIS FOR A STRANGER FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

ON ALL THE WORLDS IN ALL CREATION CAN THERE BE ANOTHER LIKE YOU? I THINK NOT...

SLEEP, MY BEAUTIFUL, BELOVED ZSAJI...

MEANWHILE...

IT... *CAN'T* BE!

I WANT TO BELIEVE IT, BUT...

THAT'S COMFORTING! IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT, I'D REALLY BE UPSET!

JANET--! YOU REALLY ARE-- YOU'RE...

ALIVE!!

YES, THANKS TO ZSAJI, I SUPPOSE! SHE MUST HAVE...

...OH! OH, *NO!*

I JUST REALIZED--! I DON'T HAVE ANY *MAKE-UP* ON! AND MY HAIR MUST BE A MESS! OH, *GOODNESS!*

SEVERAL MILES AWAY, IN A SLEEK SKYCRAFT RESTING ATOP A CRAGGY MOUNTAIN LEDGE--

--PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER, HIS X-MEN, AND MAGNETO, KEEP A TENSE VIGIL...

PERHAPS IT IS ALL AN ELABORATE BLUFF, XAVIER! PERHAPS GALACTUS NEVER TRULY INTENDS TO USE HIS WORLD-DEVOURING DEVICE, BUT INSTEAD PLANS SOME OTHER DEADLY ATTACK!

PERHAPS...

STILL NO ENERGY FLUCTUATIONS, PROFESSOR!

CONTINUE SCANNING, CYCLOPS! I ACKNOWLEDGE THE POSSIBILITY THAT MAGNETO MAY BE CORRECT-- STILL, WE DARE NOT DIVERT OUR ATTENTION FROM THE OBVIOUS THREAT!

GALACTUS'S BLUFF IS BETTER THAN A HANDFUL OF ACES, EH, HERR PROFESSOR?

INDEED!

I SWORE TO CAPTAIN AMERICA THAT WE WOULD STAND GUARD HERE, AND HOLD OUT AGAINST GALACTUS, IF NECESSARY, UNTIL HIS FORCES RETURNED... AND SO WE SHALL!

LOOK! LOOK THERE!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT WHAT WAS ONCE CALLED DOOMBASE...

THINK YOU CAN PATCH THIS TIN SUIT UP, RICHARDS?

IRON MAN, WITH THE ADVANCED ALIEN TECHNOLOGY AT MY DISPOSAL HERE, I CAN EASILY MAKE IT FAR *BETTER* THAN IT WAS--

--THOUGH I'M STILL IMPRESSED WITH THE INCREDIBLE SOPHISTICATION OF THIS ARMOR!

I'M CURIOUS ...WERE YOU *SURPRISED* THERE WAS A BLACK MAN UNDER THE METAL?

HMM...NO, I NEVER GAVE IT A THOUGHT!

I KNEW THERE WAS A *MAN* UNDER THERE...

ELSEWHERE...

HEY--! THOR--! YOUR *CAPE'S* BACK! AND YOUR *HAT!* BUT HOW--? UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A HABERDASHER WHO MAKES FORTRESS CALLS!

T'WAS THE *HULK'S* DOING --USING A WONDROUS DEVICE HE DISCOVERED!

IT'S IN THERE, SPIDER-MAN! YOU JUST *THINK* INTO IT AND IT PRODUCES ANY SORT OF CLOTH OR CLOTHING YOU WANT!

GREAT! NEW THREADS -- WITHOUT STABBING MY THUMB WITH A NEEDLE! THANKS!

INSIDE...

HEY, *HULK!* WHICH OF THESE GIZMOS IS IT?

MUST BE *THIS* ONE! IT LOOKS LIKE IT WANTS TO MAKE ME A COSTUME!

GUESS I JUST CONCENTRATE...

HUH?

WHAT THE HECK IS *THAT*--?

AND WHY IS IT MAKING MY SPIDER-SENSE TINGLE?

MAYBE I'D BETTER GET RID OF--

HEY!

IT'S GOING UP MY *ARM!* WHAT *IS* THIS STUFF?

WELL, I'LL BE AN EIGHT-BALL'S UNCLE!

THAT GLOB JUST-- JUST SPREAD OUT AND BECAME A COSTUME --AND DISSOLVED AWAY THE TATTERS OF MY OLD ONE IN THE PROCESS!

NOT *BAD!* DIFFERENT... BUT NOT BAD!

I WONDER WHY IT DIDN'T COME OUT LIKE MY *OLD* ONE? THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING OF?

OH, WELL... MAYBE I WAS SUBCONSCIOUSLY INFLUENCED BY THAT NEW SPIDER-WOMAN'S SUIT! HOPE SHE DOESN'T MIND!

WHOA! WHAT WAS *THAT?* A PLANETQUAKE?

CAPTAIN AMERICA! COME AT ONCE! IT HAS BEGUN! GALACTUS IS DEVOURING THE PLANET!

TO BE CONTINUED...

SON OF ULTRON